Virginia Department of Education Division of Assessment and Reporting

Assessment Committee Application Processing System (ACAPS)

HELPFUL HINTS AND DIRECTIONS

2007 Virginia Alternate Assessment Program (VAAP) Standard Setting Committee

General Information

The Assessment Committee Application Processing System (ACAPS) will be available from March 2, 2007 through March 30, 2007, for applicants to the 2007 Virginia Alternate Assessment Program (VAAP) for grades 3 through 5, grades 6 through 8, and grade 11.

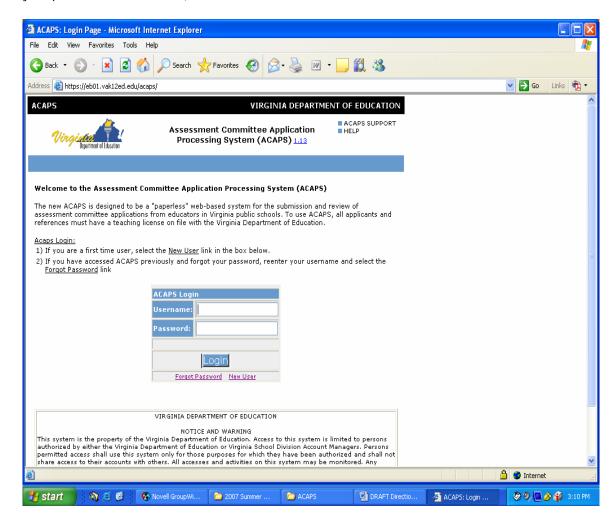
ACAPS Helpful Hints:

- If you are unsuccessful logging in to ACAPS three times consecutively, contact the Virginia Department of Education, Division of Assessment and Reporting at (804) 225-2107 or darfax@doe.virginia.gov
- A response must be provided for required entries marked with an (*).
- If you recently married and have not updated your educator's licenses, please use your maiden name to access ACAPS.
- Previous ACAPS users can use the same username and password or select FORGOT Password. ACAPS will send a temporary password to the e-mail address provided on your application.
- For previous ACAPS users, ACAPS will automatically provide your demographic and background information based on prior application submissions.
- If you have a Single Sign-on for Web Systems (SSWS) account, you can access ACAPS using this account. Please see your SSWS school division account manager for assistance.
- When you have completed entry information on an ACAPS screen, scroll to the bottom and *click* **NEXT** to advance to the next screen.
- If you need to complete sections of the application at a later time, *click* the SAVE button, and then *click* LOGOUT (upper left corner in the blue box). When you resume work on your application, you will need to log in and provide your password. Once in ACAPS, *click* the View/Edit application to resume completing your application.

Directions for New Users

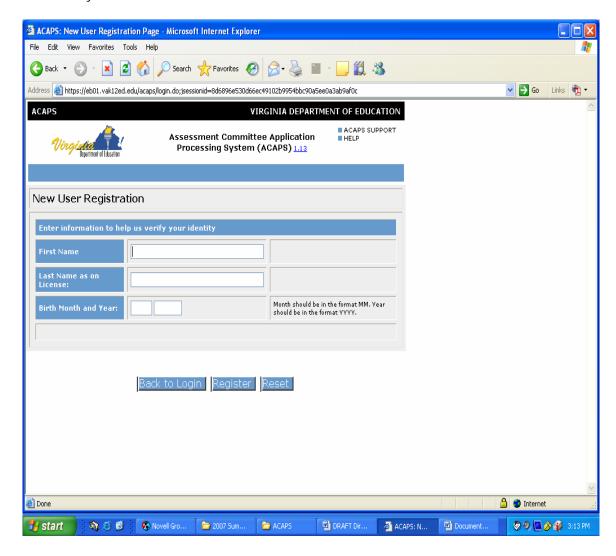
First, open your Internet browser and type the VDOE home page address http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/Assessment/home.shtml/ and click on the ACAPS link in the blue to the left.

Click NEW **User**. Complete the *New* User Registration to obtain your password. (Record your password for later use.)



Step 1:

To log on to ACAPS, all individuals are required to provide personal information such as first name, last name as listed on their Virginia educator's license, and birth month and year (MMYYYY). Applicants may contact their local school division's Human Resource office if they do not know their license number.

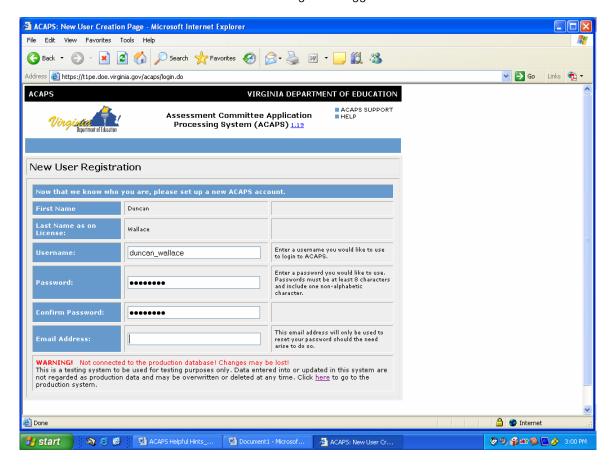


Step 2:

After ACAPS verifies that you are a Virginia educator--

- enter a "Username" in order to log in to ACAPS
- enter a "password" (password must be at least 8 characters and include one nonalphabetic character)
- confirm your password
- enter your e-mail address

After new user registration is completed, **click "Create User"** at the bottom of the screen. You are now on the ACAPS Home Page and logged in as a user.

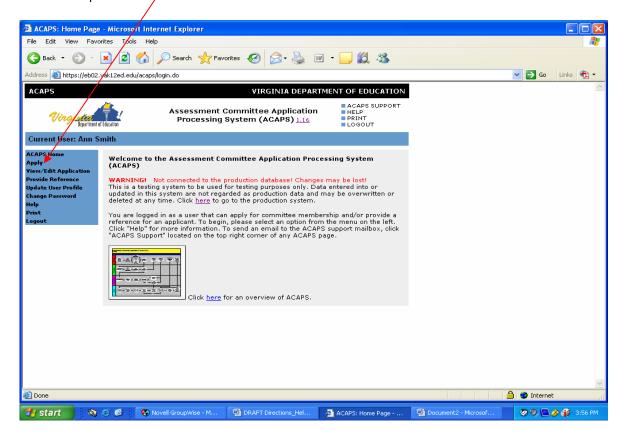


Step 2 (continued):

To begin the application process, **select** *APPLY* (Upper left corner in blue box). You may apply for only one 2007 VAAP Standard Setting committee.

At this point, as you progress through the application, each screen will display "Application Summary." This field will provide summarized information that has been entered into the system.

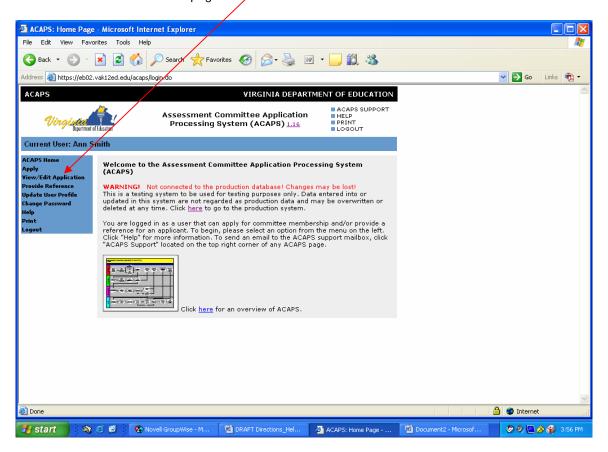
Follow instructions that appear on the screens as you progress through the application submission process.



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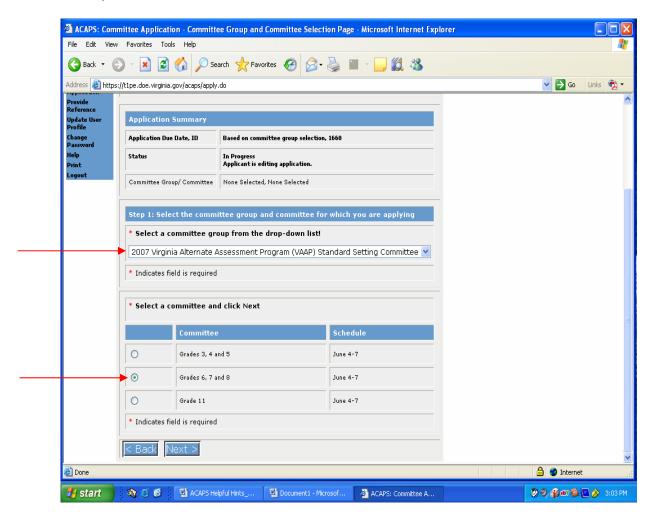
To begin other functions, **select** an option (such as View/Edit Application, Provide Reference, Update User Profile, Change Password, etc.) from the menu on the left of the page. You may **click** "Help" for more information.

To send an e-mail to the ACAPS mailbox, **click** "ACAPS Support" in the menu at the top right corner of any ACAPS page. To advance through the application process, **click** "NEXT" at the bottom of each page.



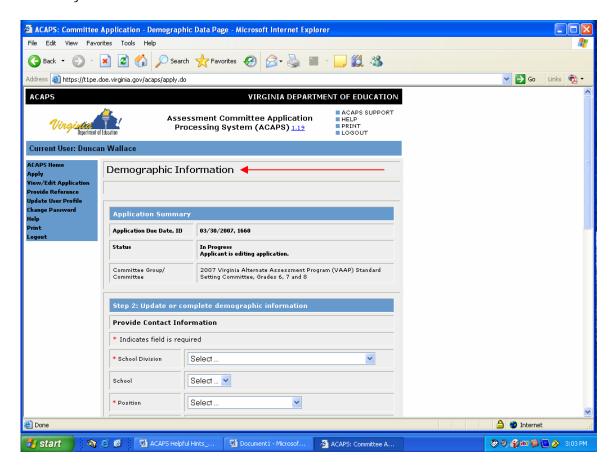
Step 3:

Select the committee group and committee for which you wish to apply. (Choose one from the drop-down menu and *click* **NEXT**.)



Step 4:

Complete the demographic information (personal contact information). For previous ACAPS users, ACAPS will automatically provide this information based on your 2006 application submission. However, if information has changed, please update as necessary.

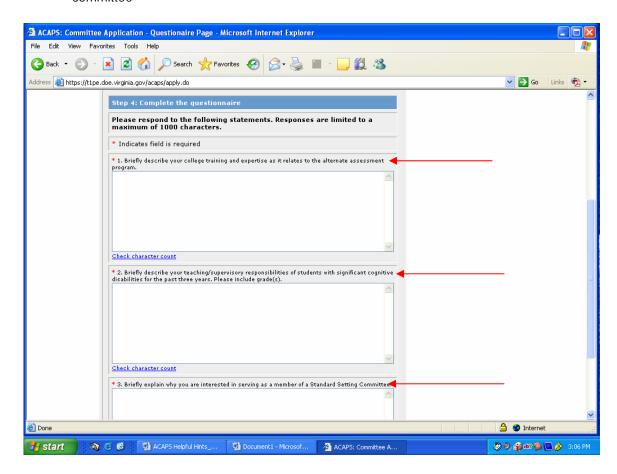


Complete the background information (educational background and work experiences for the past five years). For previous ACAPS users, ACAPS will automatically provide this information based on your previous submissions. However, if information has changed, please update as necessary.

Step 5:

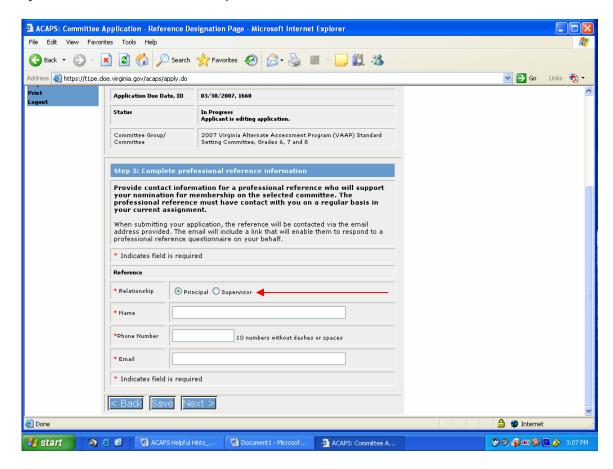
Complete the questionnaire. There are four areas—

- Explain how you apply the SOL in your current assignment
- Describe your experiences with students who have special needs
- Describe your experiences with students of limited English proficiency
- Explain why you are interested in serving as a member of an assessment committee



Step 6:

Designate your professional reference (principal or supervisor) and provide your reference a copy of the "Directions for the Professional Reference." However, ACAPS will generate an e-mail message to the reference with instructions regarding how to access the system and link to the reference's questionnaire.



Directions for the Professional Reference

The Professional Reference will receive an e-mail notification once an application is completed and submitted. The e-mail message will provide a web-address link that will lead the Reference through the process as follows:

- (1) Click on the highlighted link contained in the e-mail.
- (2) Select *New User* or log in with your previous Username and password.
- (3) If you have a *Single Sign-on for Web Systems* (SSWS) account, you can access ACAPS using this account. Please see your SSWS school division account manager for assistance.
- (4) Complete the *New User* registration (first name, last name as on your Virginia educator's license, and birth month/year) and c*lick* Register.
- (5) Follow the directions on the next screen.
- (6) Complete the *Professional Reference Questionnaire* on behalf of the applicant and when finished, select **SUBMIT**.
- (7) Select **LOGOUT** (Upper left corner in blue box).

Step 7: Review and submit the application.

When you have finished the application, carefully *REVIEW* your entries. Make any changes and when completed, select *SUBMIT*. At this point no further edits or changes may be made to the application

Directions for Previous ACAPS Users:

- 1) Previous ACAPS users can use the same username and password. If you have forgotten your password, select *FORGOT Password* and ACAPS will send you a temporary password to the e-mail address provided on your application.
- 2) Once logged into ACAPS, follow the instructions on the various screens.
- 3) **NEW for 2007**—ACAPS will <u>automatically</u> enter your Demographic and Background Information from your previous committee application submission. Please review this information carefully and provide any updates or changes to these sections as necessary.
- 4) Complete previous steps 4 through 7.

<u>Application Review and Approval by the Division Superintendent or Superintendent's Designee</u>

- ACAPS will "hold" all applications from a school division until March 30, 2007. At
 that time, ACAPS will send an e-mail to the division superintendent and
 superintendent's designee(s) informing him/her that division personnel applications are
 awaiting review and approval. Superintendents or designee(s) will be able to review
 each application and professional reference comments.
- To complete the submission process, the superintendent or designee must approve and *click* **SUBMIT** for each applicant.
- All applications approved by the division superintendent are due to the Virginia Department of Education via the ACAPS by April 6, 2007.

ACAPS Sends E-mail Messages to:

- 1) Applicants indicating the status of their application at various intervals throughout the entire process, including notification of acceptance status upon completion of the VDOE selection process;
- 2) Professional Reference providing directions for linking to the reference questionnaire to be completed on behalf of the applicant;
- 3) Division Superintendent or Designee providing directions for linking to the application and the reference questionnaires, and allows for review and approval of the application; and
- 4) Division of Assessment and Reporting staff signifying that the application has been completed and approved for the VDOE selection process.